IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Wen GAO et al.

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ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS AND REQUEST FOR REFUND

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.27(c)(1), Applicants hereby assert entitlement to small entity status in the above-identified application.

Not more than three months ago, on Wednesday, June 28, 2006, Applicants paid a fee in the amount of \$900.00 to cover the filing fees for entry into the national stage for this application at the large entity rate. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.28(a), Applicants hereby request

a refund of \$450.00, which is 50% of the fee paid (i.e. the "excess amount"). Please credit this amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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